

Criteria for Evaluating Evidence

1. Is the evidence current and demonstrative of the situation?
2. Is the evidence relevant to your argument?
3. Is the evidence typical or does it reflect only a small part of the collected data?
4. Is the evidence important or substantial enough to cover the complexity of the argument?
5. Is the source reliable and reasonably comprehensive? Be wary of missing pieces or untrustworthy evidence—especially on the Internet.
6. Is the source of the evidence objective or biased?